

DR&HS Creates Postcards

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Have you ever imagined taking a trip back in time? Did you ever wonder how Duxbury has changed over the years? If this rings true, then pick up the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's postcards. They cost six dollars for a package of nine cards and there are three series of nine to choose from.

The postcards were a project brought to life by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's own Norman Forget. He is a member of the society's publication committee, which last year collaborated on a Duxbury guidebook. Other members of the committee involved with the postcards were Debra Katz, a Duxbury Clipper reporter who wrote the captions on the back of the postcards and Tom Delano, the chairman of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society among others.

Delano commented on the committee as a whole, saying all members were "eager to be involved" in Duxbury's rich history. Delano also said that Forget was a "gifted designer" and an excellent contributor to the publication committee.

Before creating Duxbury's postcards, Forget did the same

project for the town of Hanson in 1995. Forget went through the same process for both reproductions. He had to choose from hundreds of donated postcards and old photographs spanning over 50 years. The final 27 were chosen by the publication committee because, says Forget, "they would be of the most historical interest to the people." Forget scanned them onto a computer and was careful to print them all as color copies. This way the new and improved cards would look like the originals.

Finally, space had to be made at the bottom of the cards so that the postal bar code could be applied, ensuring they could be mailed. The reprinted captions by Debra Katz

are much clearer so that people can find the buildings and landmarks in today's modern Duxbury.

The postcards represent a whole variety of areas in Duxbury including neighborhoods, like Ashdod and Washington Street, along with historical houses and scenes of the Bluefish River.

You can buy the cards at all of the DR&HS lectures, at many of Duxbury's historical homes open to the public and at retail stores.

For as long as postcards have been in existence they have been associated with travel and memories. Now the residents and visitors of Duxbury can create new memories with those of old.